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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.

lssued by the Department of Transportation on the 25th day of July, 2000

Essential Air Service at

Served: July 28, 2000

HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Under 49 U.S.C. 41731 et seq.

Docket OST-2000-7138 - 3

#### ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

## Summary

By this order, the Department of Transportation is extending Great Lakes' service obligation at Huron, South Dakota, for another 30 days, through August 25, 2000.

## Background

On March 27, 2000, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express, filed a 90-day notice of its intent to suspend service at Huron, effective June 25, 2000. By Order 2000-5-27, May 26, 2000, the Department prohibited Great Lakes from suspending service beyond the end of its 90-day notice period, through July 26, 2000, and requested proposals, with subsidy if necessary, from carriers interested in providing replacement service.

Since it is unlikely this case will be concluded before the end of the current 30-day hold-in period, as required by 49 U.S.C. 41734, we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation at Huron for an additional 30 days, or until replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR 385.12(k)(5).

### ACCORDINGLY,

1. We require Great Lakes, Ltd., d/h/a United Express, to maintain essential air service at Huron, South Dakota, as described in ordering paragraph 2 of Order 2000-5-27, for an

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Under our rules (see 14 CFR 302.16), since that day is a Sunday, the notice's effective date is June 26, 2000.

additional 30-day period through August 25, 2000, or until a carrier capable of providing reliable replacement service actually begins service, whichever occurs first;<sup>2</sup>

- 2. We direct Great Lakes to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support subsidy claims for payment, and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order;
- 3. Docket OST-2000-7138 will remain open until further order of the Department; and
- 4. We will serve a copy of this order on the Mayor and Airport Manager of Huron, South Dakota, and Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten (10) days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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Acting Director Office of Aviation Analysis

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In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation for successive 30-day periods as necessary until replacement service actually begins.